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Interviews: 1,009 adults
Dates: July 8-11, 2005

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,009 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>High 9/01</u>	<u>Low 7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction....	34	35	34	42	40	41	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track.....	52	52	51	48	47	46	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	12	10	12	8	10	11	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	2	3	2	6	6	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>		
	39	39	36	36	36	33	41		
	48	49	50	48	48	50	49		
	10	10	12	14	14	14	5		
	3	2	2	2	2	3	5		
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>		
	47	56	41	43	38	42	49		
	43	30	48	47	50	44	38		
	6	9	8	6	8	9	8		
	4	5	3	3	4	4	5		
	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
	62	36	43	44	42	40	52		
	22	47	42	42	43	42	31		
	13	14	13	14	12	14	14		
	3	3	2	-	3	4	3		
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>5/96+</u>		
	53	62	70	72	43	45	28		
	28	20	15	11	39	36	52		
	15	14	12	11	14	15	15		
	4	4	3	6	4	4	8		

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2a. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	13	50-54.....	9	[139-140]
25-29.....	8	55-59.....	8	
30-34.....	8	60-64.....	8	
35-39.....	7	65-69.....	6	
40-44.....	10	70-74.....	4	
45-49.....	11	75 and over.....	8	
		Refused.....	-	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Hispanic (VOL).....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/04+</u>	
Approve.....	46	47	48	50	50	49	88	45	[143]
Disapprove.....	49	47	46	45	44	44	7	49	
Not sure.....	5	6	6	5	6	7	5	6	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
	49	47	47	48	45	47	50	54	
	47	48	48	46	49	46	46	41	
	4	5	5	6	6	7	5	6	
	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-</u> <u>30/03</u>	
	58	52	51	49	56	62	71	66	
	34	41	44	45	38	31	23	29	
	9	7	5	6	6	7	6	5	
	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
	67	62	61	54	62	63	64	67	
	28	33	31	40	33	31	30	27	
	5	5	8	6	5	6	6	6	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>					
	69	75	74	57					
	23	18	20	22					
	8	7	6	21					

3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>High</u> <u>12/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>4/05</u>	
Approve.....	39	43	41	46	47	63	41	[144]
Disapprove.....	54	51	53	50	47	25	53	
Not sure.....	7	6	6	4	6	12	6	
		<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
		44	45	45	43	45	41	
		51	52	51	52	49	53	
		5	3	4	5	6	6	
		<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		45	49	48	50	43	45	
		51	45	46	44	52	48	
		4	6	6	5	6	7	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
		47	49	44	47	48	48	
		45	42	49	45	44	43	
		8	9	7	8	8	9	
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
		49	57	61	63	63	52	
		43	34	30	27	25	27	
		8	9	9	10	12	21	

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>7/05*</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>High</u> <u>12/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>5/05</u>	
Approve.....	45	42	42	44	46	45	82	42	[145]
Disapprove.....	51	52	50	50	49	51	12	52	
Not sure.....	4	6	8	6	5	4	6	6	
		<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>
		48	44	44	44	43	47	54	56
		46	51	52	52	51	48	41	37
		6	5	4	4	6	5	5	7
		<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>
		48	48	47	55	63	70	51	57
		47	48	46	39	31	24	42	36
		5	4	7	6	6	6	7	7
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>
		58	55	62	64	68	81	82	53
		35	34	28	28	26	13	12	20
		7	11	10	8	6	6	6	27

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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- 3d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>7/05**</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
Approve.....	39	44	[146]
Disapprove.....	55	52	
Not sure.....	6	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>4/92+</u>	
Approve.....	28	33	39	41	40	39	46	39	61	15	[147]
Disapprove.....	55	51	46	40	42	43	41	47	28	78	
Not sure.....	17	16	15	19	18	18	13	14	11	7	
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>		
	43	39	42	43	42	44	44	40	34		
	45	45	45	43	39	39	40	44	48		
	11	16	13	14	19	17	16	16	18		
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>		
	43	54	57	47	43	45	48	55	49		
	41	29	29	34	33	32	35	30	35		
	16	17	14	19	24	23	17	15	16		
	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>		
	46	46	43	42	43	48	45	42	40		
	41	42	46	44	40	36	42	45	49		
	13	12	11	14	17	16	13	13	11		
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/95</u>			
	43	40	49	41	50	44	48	43			
	41	42	38	45	40	42	39	43			
	16	18	13	14	10	14	13	14			

5. I'm going to read you several things that affect people's everyday lives. Please tell me which one or two of these you are concerned the most about in your own life. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose, which one or two are you MOST concerned about?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The cost of health care and prescription drugs.....	44	[148] >
Teaching children good values.....	37	
The quality of public education.....	32	
Crime and violence.....	20	
The cost of daily necessities, such as food and clothing.....	19	
Religious faith.....	13	
Diet and exercise.....	6	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[149]
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
May 2005.....	27	22	10	12	29	-	
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
September 2004+.....	36	13	6	12	33	-	
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Republican Party							[150/154]
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	
The Democratic Party							[151/155]
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Sandra Day O'Connor							[152]
July 2005 *	22	26	25	5	2	20	
Howard Dean							[153]
July 2005 *	3	14	27	17	16	23	
February 2005.....	8	20	28	12	15	17	
January 2005.....	4	18	32	12	12	22	
January 2004.....	7	20	20	13	21	19	
December 13, 2003.....	9	19	19	12	14	27	
November 2003.....	3	15	21	11	10	39	
September 2003.....	3	15	21	10	10	42	
July 2003.....	5	10	16	5	9	55	
William Rehnquist							[156]
July 2005 **.....	9	18	26	9	5	33	
January 2001.....	7	17	29	8	5	34	
January 1999.....	13	15	28	5	2	37	
Donald Rumsfeld							[157]
July 2005 **.....	11	19	19	15	22	14	
January 2005.....	15	24	16	11	23	11	
December 2004.....	11	23	17	14	24	11	
May 2004+.....	16	23	18	14	19	10	
November 2003.....	18	25	15	11	19	12	
September 2003.....	21	26	15	11	14	13	
July 2003.....	21	25	15	13	15	12	
May 2003+.....	27	25	13	8	13	14	
June 2002.....	23	24	19	8	6	20	
December 2001.....	30	26	16	4	3	21	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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7a. In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	[158]
Deserves to be reelected.....	41	42	49	42	41	50	49	49	
Give new person a chance.....	46	45	34	39	42	35	38	39	
Not sure.....	13	13	17	19	17	15	13	12	
		<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	
		42	48	41	39	30	34	35	
		47	37	45	49	53	50	47	
		11	15	14	12	17	16	18	
		<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	
		34	37	30	31	31	27	33	
		52	47	55	56	56	62	57	
		14	16	15	13	13	11	10	
		<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>		
		37	42	35	40	39	41		
		52	48	52	48	48	36		
		11	10	13	12	13	23		

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7b. What is your preference for the outcome of the 2006 congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+¹</u>	<u>10/29- 31/04+</u>	<u>10/16- 18/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	[159]
Republican-controlled Congress.....	40	40	43	44	42	42	41	42	42	
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	45	47	44	44	46	44	44	45	43	
Not sure ³	15	13	13	12	12	14	15	13	15	
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
	42	43	42	43	42	44	42	40	39	
	42	42	42	41	41	40	40	44	41	
	16	15	16	16	17	16	18	16	20	
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	
	39	42	41	37	41	40	41	39	37	
	43	41	40	43	43	39	40	40	41	
	18	17	19	20	16	21	19	21	22	
	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94²</u>	
	41	40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
	37	42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
	22	18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

¹ Prior to May 2005 the question was phrased, "What is your preference for the outcome of the upcoming congressional elections . . ."

² In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

³ The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

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8. How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>7/05*</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	
One of the best.....	1	2	2	1	2	7	1	1	1	[160]
Above average.....	6	9	11	12	11	18	6	5	7	
Average.....	47	58	54	53	56	33	46	45	39	
Below average.....	32	22	21	25	22	24	28	32	32	
One of the worst.....	11	7	10	7	6	16	16	14	19	
Not sure.....	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	

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- 10a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A TOP PRIORITY IN Q.10a.)

- 10b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE FOR TOP PRIORITY

	<u>Q.10a Top Priority 7/05</u>	<u>Q.10a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities 7/05</u>	
The war in Iraq.....	23	40	[168-169/ 170-171]
Job creation and economic growth.....	19	34	
Terrorism and homeland security.....	17	31	
Health care and prescription drugs.....	11	28	
Illegal immigration.....	9	19	
Social Security.....	7	21	
The cost and the supply of energy.....	5	14	
The budget deficit.....	5	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	1	
All equally (VOL).....	4	1	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	
Not sure.....	-	-	

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JANUARY 2005		
	<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>COMBINED Top/Second Priorities</u>
Job creation and economic growth.....	25	46
The war in Iraq.....	20	39
Terrorism and homeland security.....	20	37
Social Security.....	13	32
The budget deficit.....	9	23
Taxes.....	3	10
Medical malpractice lawsuits.....	3	9
Other (VOL).....	1	2
All equally (VOL).....	6	-
None of these (VOL).....	-	-
Not sure.....	-	-

11. Now I would like to mention several proposals that have been made to help solve America's energy problems. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal. **(IF "FAVOR/OPPOSE," ASK:)** Would you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) that proposal?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT FAVOR

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
Make permitting and building new power plants easier						[173]
July 2005.....	35	38	12	7	8	
June 2001.....	38	31	13	11	7	
Increase spending on finding ways to burn coal cleanly						[174]
July 2005.....	34	33	16	11	6	
June 2001.....	43	36	9	7	5	
Build additional nuclear power plants						[172]
July 2005.....	18	26	21	27	8	
June 2001.....	23	25	18	28	6	

12. Compared to what you expected when George W. Bush took office in 2001, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?

	7/05*	12/02 ¹	1/02 ²	
Better than expected.....	16	44	67	[175]
Worse than expected.....	29	14	3	
Just about as expected.....	54	40	28	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In December 2002, the question was phrased, "Compared to what you expected when George W. Bush took office almost two years ago"

² In January 2002, the question was phrased, "Compared to what you expected when George W. Bush took office a year ago"

13. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD RATING (A RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Representing traditional American values							[211]
July 2005 **.....	35	21	19	9	15	1	
January 2002.....	50	25	17	4	4	-	
January 2001.....	30	29	25	7	8	1	
Being easygoing and likable							[177]
July 2005 *.....	29	21	22	13	13	2	
January 2005.....	36	21	18	10	14	1	
August 2004+.....	37	18	17	11	16	1	
June 2004+	32	21	22	11	13	1	
January 2001.....	36	23	21	9	10	1	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							[180]
July 2005 *.....	29	19	18	10	23	1	
January 2005.....	32	20	18	11	19	-	
June 2004+.....	32	18	17	13	20	-	
November 2003.....	36	18	17	10	19	1	
July 2003.....	42	17	16	8	16	-	
May 2003.....	47	17	15	8	13	1	
January 2003.....	34	22	21	11	12	-	
July 2002.....	38	24	19	9	10	-	
January 2002.....	49	24	17	5	5	-	
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-	
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1	
Being smart and intelligent							[209]
July 2005 **.....	20	23	22	11	23	1	
January 2005.....	27	23	19	10	20	1	
June 2004+.....	25	23	19	10	23	-	
Being honest and straightforward							[178]
July 2005 *.....	26	15	13	13	32	1	
January 2005.....	32	18	14	11	25	-	
June 2004+.....	29	18	14	12	26	1	
November 2003.....	34	18	17	9	22	1	
July 2003.....	35	16	18	8	22	1	
May 2003.....	41	18	21	7	13	1	
January 2003.....	39	21	16	10	13	1	
July 2002.....	35	23	19	10	12	1	
April 2001.....	37	18	20	11	13	1	
January 2001.....	28	22	25	11	13	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Being a world leader in dealing with other countries							[210]
July 2005 **.....	18	23	21	13	25	-	
January 2005.....	19	22	22	11	26	-	
July 2003.....	30	21	19	9	22	1	
May 2003.....	38	19	15	8	18	1	
January 2003.....	25	24	23	11	17	-	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people							[179]
July 2005 *.....	21	19	18	13	28	1	
January 2005.....	29	18	16	13	23	1	
June 2004+.....	24	16	22	13	25	-	
November 2003.....	29	17	19	9	25	-	
May 2003.....	34	17	19	9	20	1	
January 2003.....	27	22	19	12	19	1	
July 2002.....	33	23	21	10	12	1	
January 2002.....	44	21	20	6	8	1	
April 2001.....	26	20	21	15	17	1	
January 2001.....	21	21	27	14	16	1	
Working effectively with Congress to get results							[176/208]
July 2005.....	10	21	34	17	17	1	
January 2005.....	15	26	33	12	13	1	
January 2001.....	19	27	36	8	8	2	
December 1999.....	18	30	32	7	7	6	
Willing to work with people whose viewpoints are different from his own							[212]
July 2005 **.....	11	18	26	13	31	1	
January 2005.....	17	16	27	13	25	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to a different topic . . .

14a. How worried are you that the United States will experience another major terrorist attack--very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

	<u>7/05*</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
Very worried.....	31	30	[213]
Fairly worried.....	27	29	
Only slightly worried.....	29	26	
Not really worried at all.....	12	14	
Not sure.....	1	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 14b. How much do you think the U.S. government can do to prevent terrorist attacks like the recent attacks in London from occurring in the United States--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or nothing at all?
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Government can do a great deal.....	28	[214]
Government can do quite a bit.....	21	
Government can do just some.....	31	
Government can do very little.....	14	
Government can do nothing at all.....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the Supreme Court . . .

15. How much do you care about who President Bush nominates to the Supreme Court--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or not at all?

Care a great deal.....	49	[215]
Care quite a bit.....	19	
Care some.....	17	
Care very little.....	8	
Do not care at all.....	6	
Not sure.....	1	

16. How much confidence do you have in the Supreme Court--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all?

	<u>7/05*</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>4/78¹</u>	
A great deal of confidence.....	15	27	14	[216]
Quite a bit of confidence	25	25	25	
Some confidence	38	32	32	
Very little confidence	14	8	14	
No confidence at all.....	6	5	7	
Not sure.....	2	3	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Trend data from April 1978 comes from Gallup.

17. How much confidence do you have that President Bush will select the right kind of person to sit on the Supreme Court--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all? **

A great deal of confidence.....	21	[217]
Quite a bit of confidence	20	
Some confidence	21	
Very little confidence	23	
No confidence at all.....	14	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

18. In deciding whether or not to confirm the President's nominee to the Supreme Court, should the Senate give greater consideration to the nominee's qualifications as a judge or to the nominee's views on issues facing the Court? **(IF "BOTH," ASK:)** Well, which should the Senate give the MOST consideration to?

Mostly qualifications.....	49	[218]
Mostly views on issues.....	38	
Both equally (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	3	

19. Over the past twenty years, nominees for the U.S. Supreme Court have refused to discuss their views on specific issues, such as whether a woman has the constitutional right to be able to have an abortion, during their confirmation hearings in the U.S. Senate. Please tell me which statement comes closer to your view about whether a Supreme Court nominee should publicly state his or her position on critical issues before the Court.

Statement A: A nominee SHOULD be required to state his or her positions on these issues so that senators have this information to decide whether to confirm this person for life.

Statement B: A nominee should NOT be required to state his or her positions on these issues as judges should be selected based on their experience and overall qualifications, not their positions on issues that may come before the Court later.

Statement A /should be required.....	43	[219]
Statement B /should not be required.....	53	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

20. How important is the United States Supreme Court in setting public policy--very important, somewhat important, not that important, or not important at all? **

Very important.....	54	[220]
Somewhat important.....	35	
Not that important.....	3	
Not important at all.....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

21. I'm going to mention several things that President Bush could do in naming a new justice to the Supreme Court. For each one, please tell me whether you think that this is a step in the right direction, a step in the wrong direction, or if this is not important to you. If you don't have an opinion about this step either way just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY RIGHT DIRECTION

	Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Not Importan t To Me	No Opinion Either Way	Not Sure	
Appointing a judge who favors continuing to allow references to God in our public life such as allowing displays of the Ten Commandments on government property **.....	63.....	14	9	11	3	[231]
Appointing a woman to the Court.....	60.....	2	23	14	1	[222/228]
Appointing a judge who would uphold affirmative action laws and policies **.....	55.....	14	11	16	4	[232]
Appointing the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.....	42.....	7	29	21	1	[221/227]
Appointing a strong conservative to the Court **.....	41.....	30	11	15	3	[229]
Taking into consideration the views of secular and liberal groups in deciding whom to appoint **.....	40.....	25	13	16	6	[230]
Appointing a judge who would oppose legalizing gay marriage *.....	36.....	35	13	15	1	[226]
Appointing a judge who would be less strict about the separation between church and state *.....	36.....	41	9	11	3	[225]
Taking into consideration the views of religious and conservative groups in deciding whom to appoint *.....	29.....	39	15	15	2	[224]
Changing the balance of the Court so that the Roe versus Wade decision that legalized abortion could be overturned *.....	27.....	50	8	12	3	[223]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 22a. Please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: President Bush should appoint a judge to the Supreme Court who will give greater consideration to the original intentions of the authors of the Constitution when making a decision.

Statement B: President Bush should appoint a judge to the Supreme Court who will give greater consideration to changing times and current realities in applying the principles of the Constitution.

Statement A/only consider original intentions.....	45	[233]
Statement B/consider changing times and current realities.....	47	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

- 22b. The Supreme Court will be hearing or has recently ruled on a number of cases on a wide variety of issues. From the following list, please tell me the one or two cases, if any, that are of the MOST interest to you. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? ****

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Private property rights.....	42	[234-235] >
Parental notification for abortions by minors.....	34	
The displaying of the Ten Commandments on government property.....	32	
A state's right-to-die law.....	24	
Using marijuana for medicinal purposes.....	12	
Copyright protection for the music and recording industry.....	8	
Taxes on Internet purchases.....	5	
None	2	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23. The Supreme Court's 1973 Roe versus Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe versus Wade decision, or not? **(IF "YES" OR "NO," ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that or not?**

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>3/02¹</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>10/89</u>	<u>7/89</u>	
Yes, Overturn	29	36	36	33	31	[236]
Feel strongly.....	24	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Do not feel strongly.....	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	
No, Do Not Overturn	65	60	57	61	58	
Do not feel strongly.....	14	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Feel strongly.....	51	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure.....	6	4	7	6	11	

¹ All trend data comes from surveys by Gallup.

Now I'd like to ask you a couple questions about Social Security . . .

- 24a. In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

	<u>7/05</u>		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Good idea.....	33	CONTINUE	35	40	40	38	[237]
Bad idea.....	57		55	51	50	50	
Not sure.....	10	Skip to Q.25	10	9	10	12	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY GOOD IDEA OR BAD IDEA IN Q.24a.)

- 24b. When it comes to allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market, would you say that your position is completely firm and unlikely to change, or would you say that you are open to changing your mind on this issue?

	Good Idea (Q.24a)			Bad Idea (Q.24a)			
	<u>7/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	
Position is firm/unlikely to change....	37	32	31	62	53	60	[238]
Open to changing mind.....	62	65	68	36	45	39	
Not sure.....	1	3	1	2	2	1	

25. Do you think that, in general, **(READ ITEM)** is spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time dealing with the issue of Social Security?

	Too Much Time	Too Little Time	The Right Amount Of Time	Not Sure	
President Bush					[239]
July 2005.....	26	34	32	8	
April 2005.....	29	25	37	9	
Congress					[240]
July 2005.....	15	54	20	11	
April 2005.....	14	47	27	12	

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

26. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
Worth it.....	44	40	44	44	40	43	41	40	[241]
Not worth it.....	49	51	48	49	52	48	50	52	
Depends (VOL).....	4	4	4	3	3	6	4	3	
Not sure.....	3	5	4	4	5	3	5	5	
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>
	43	43	40	42	50	52	53	45	45
	49	47	51	47	45	40	37	42	46
	4	4	5	5	1	2	5	6	3
	4	6	4	6	4	5	5	6	5

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

27. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?

	<u>7/05*</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05¹</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Maintain current troop level.....	41	40	43	41	42	45	[242]
Reduce number of troops.....	48	53	49	50	48	41	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	4	4	4	6	9	
Not sure.....	6	3	4	5	4	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . ."

28. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
More confident.....	36	40	44	47	41	41	46	37	[243]
Less confident.....	55	50	45	43	48	48	41	53	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	6	6	5	6	6	8	5	
Not sure.....	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

29. Based on the events and conditions in Iraq, how important is it that America maintain its military and economic commitment there until Iraq is able to fully govern and police itself--extremely important, very important, only somewhat important, or not important? **

Extremely important.....	31	[244]
Very important.....	26	
Only somewhat important.....	27	
Not important.....	15	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

30. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AGREE

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure	
The war in Iraq is part of the larger war against terrorism *.....	61	34	5	[247]
We should set a deadline for withdrawing our troops from Iraq *.....	49	47	4	[248]
Having elections in Iraq has helped to spread democracy to other countries in the Middle East.....	46	42	12	[246/251]
The United States fulfilled its mission in Iraq by getting rid of Saddam Hussein **.....	37	59	4	[250]
If the United States withdraws its troops from Iraq there will be more terrorist attacks in the United States.....	36	54	10	[245/249]
Iraq is ungovernable and will never be a unified country **.....	35	57	8	[252]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31. Since the United States has taken military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	7/05**	6/04+	4/03 ²	3/17/03 ¹	1/03	12/02	
Increased.....	35	51	32	52	55	55	[253]
Decreased.....	13	14	14	16	10	9	
Stayed about the same.....	50	34	52	29	32	35	
Not sure.....	2	1	2	3	3	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Prior to April 2003, this question was phrased, "If the United States took military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think that the threat of terrorism in the United States would increase, decrease, or stay about the same?"

² In April 2003, this question was phrased, "Since the United States has taken military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism in the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to a different topic . . .

32. Today, in general do you think of China as more of an ally or more of an adversary?

	<u>7/05</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>5/97</u>	<u>3/95</u>	
Ally.....	26	16	18	29	31	[254]
Adversary.....	49	71	67	59	62	
Both (VOL) ¹	7	5	3	{ 6	{ 2	
Neither (VOL).....	3	2	2			
Not sure.....	15	6	10	6	5	

¹ Prior to June 1999, the volunteered responses "both" and "neither" were combined.

33a. Which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view on our relationship with China?

Statement A: We should maintain good trade relations with China, despite disagreements we might have with its human rights policies. OR

Statement B: We should demand that China improve its human rights policies if China wants to continue to enjoy its current trade status with the United States.

	<u>7/05*</u>	<u>5/96</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>12/9</u>	
Statement A/Maintain good trade relations.....	39	30	33	40	31	29	[255]
Statement B/Demand improved human rights policies. .	53	60	60	51	61	65	
Neither (VOL).....	3	5	4	3	2	2	
Not sure.....	5	5	3	6	6	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

33b. Which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view on our relationship with China?

Statement A: We should maintain good trade relations with China, despite disagreements we might have with its military policies. OR

Statement B: We should demand that China improve its military policies if China wants to continue to enjoy its current trade status with the United States. **

Statement A/Maintain good trade relations.....	44	[256]
Statement B/Demand improved military policies.....	47	
Neither (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

34. In the new global economy, American companies sometimes buy foreign companies, such as Ford buying Volvo, and foreign companies sometimes buy American companies, such as Daimler Benz buying Chrysler. In general do you approve or disapprove of this?

Approve.....	54	[257]
Disapprove.....	33	
Not sure.....	13	

35. Recently a Chinese company that is mostly owned by the Chinese government bid to purchase Union Oil of California, also called Unocal, which is the ninth largest oil company in the United States. Do you favor or oppose a Chinese company purchasing Unocal?

Favor.....	16	[258]
Oppose.....	73	
Not sure.....	11	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	89	[267]
Not registered.....	10	
Not sure	1	

- F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	42	[268]
John Kerry.....	35	
Someone else.....	4	
Refused (VOL).....	3	
Did Not Vote	15	
Not sure.....	1	

- F3. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	24	[269]
White-collar worker.....	20	
Blue-collar worker.....	16	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	24	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[277-278]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	28	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	18	[279]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11	
Strictly independent.....	18	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[280]
Moderate.....	39	
Conservative.....	33	
Not sure.....	6	

F7. Are you active in political causes either by writing letters to the editor, making financial contributions, or volunteering your time to a political cause? (IF "YES," ASK:) And are you generally active in liberal political causes or conservative political causes?

Yes, Active		
Liberal causes.....	13	[308]
Conservative causes.....	13	
Not sure what kind of causes (VOL).....	9	
No, Not Active	64	
Not sure.....	1	

F8a. Are you currently single and never married, single and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	19	[309]
Single, living with partner.....	6	
Married.....	55	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F8b. Are you the parent or primary guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes.....	34	[310]
No.....	65	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F9a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	53	CONTINUE	[311]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	1	Skip to Q.F10	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	9		
None.....	9	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F9a.)

F9b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[312]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	47	
Not sure.....	7	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F9a).....	26	

F10. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	17	[313]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	16	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	41	
Not sure.....	3	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	10	[314]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	82	
Not sure.....	1	

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[315]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	12	
Not sure/refused.....	17	